

AMENDMENTS

In the claims:

1-31. (Canceled).

32. (Currently Amended) An image processing device comprising:

an output unit configured to output an operating signal to display at least one of a plurality of display members on a display;

an image processing unit to carry out an image processing to display said at least one display member based on said operating signal; and

an imaging unit to generate an imaging signal based on the result of said image processing from said image processing unit and outputting said imaging signal to the display, wherein the image processing unit comprises:

a polygon forming unit to form said at least one display member with a number of polygons,

an image forming unit to form an image of said at least one display member as viewed from a predetermined viewpoint,

a viewpoint changing unit to change the viewpoint from which the at least one display member is viewed, and

a transparency processing unit to make the at least one display member transparent,

wherein, the image processing unit is configured to initially display a first display member, from among the plurality of display members, that is configured to be operated by a player, as nontransparent,

wherein the viewpoint changing unit is configured to subsequently move the viewpoint to a location where the first display member is situated in front of a second display member, while

the first display member is ~~configured to be~~ maintained in a nontransparent state ~~until the first display member and a second display member are in a ready-to-fight state, and~~

wherein, when the viewpoint is moved via the viewpoint changing unit such that [[a]] the first display member is displayed in front of the second display member in a ready-to-fight state, the transparency processing unit is configured to make the first display member transparent, and

wherein, when the transparency processing unit has made the first display member transparent, the image processing unit carries out an image processing to display an image in which the first display member and the second display member fight each other.

33-47. (Canceled).

48. (Previously Presented) The image processing device according to claim 32, wherein the transparency processing unit does not permit making the display member transparent when an image of the display member has started to be formed, but when the viewpoint has moved so that the first display member is to be displayed in front of the second display member, the transparency processing unit is configured to permit making the first display member transparent.

49. (Previously Presented) The image processing device according to claim 32, further comprising a fighting processing unit to determine if the first display member and the second display member have been in a ready-to-fight state when a part of the first display member is made transparent and the polygons constituting the first display member are displayed as viewed from the viewpoint finally moved to the destination point, and then to perform a fighting processing.

50. (Previously Presented) The image processing device according to claim 49, wherein at least one display member represents a character existing in a virtual space, and the first display member represents a character operated by a player and the second display member represents an opponent character in opposition to the character operated by the player, and

wherein the fighting processing unit is configured to determine if the character operated by the player and the opponent character have been in a ready-to-fight state when the opponent character is displayed on a screen front-on, and to perform the fighting processing.

51. (Previously Presented) The image processing device according to claim 32, wherein, in the image processing unit, the polygon forming unit is configured to form at least one part of the at least one display member with at least one specific number of polygons, and

wherein the image processing unit comprises:
a polygon increasing unit to divide the part of the at least one display member formed with the polygons into several parts, thereby increasing the number of polygons comprising the part of the at least one display member to be deformed relative to a specific number of polygons when the at least one display member formed with the specific number of polygons is to be altered and displayed; and

an alteration processing unit to perform image processing to display the at least one display member in an altered state using the increased number of polygons increased by the polygon increasing unit.

52. (Previously Presented) The image processing device according to claim 51, wherein the polygon forming unit is configured to form the one part of the at least one display member with a polyhedron having a plurality of faces, each face of which comprises one polygon, and

wherein the polygon increasing unit is configured to increase the number of polygons by forming each face of the polyhedron with a plurality of polygons.

53. (Previously Presented) The image processing device according to claim 51, wherein when the second display member is a display member to be set as an opponent character in opposition to the first display member, a portion of the first display member to be used for attacking the second display member is kept nontransparent.